



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6628

LCO No. 3349

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:

REP. PISCOPO, 76th Dist.

REP. FRITZ, 90th Dist.

REP. POWERS, 151st Dist.

REP. FAHRBACH, 61st Dist.

REP. HAMZY, 78th Dist.

REP. GREENE, LEONARD 105th Dist.

REP. CANDELORA, VINCENT 86th Dist.

REP. HARKINS, 120th Dist.

REP. BACCHIOCHI, 52nd Dist.

SEN. DELUCA, 32nd Dist.

REP. FERRARI, 62nd Dist.

REP. BELDEN, 113th Dist.

AN ACT MAKING ENGLISH THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE STATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to: (1) Make English the
- 2 official language of the state; (2) provide that neither the state nor any
- 3 political subdivision of the state shall require by statute, ordinance,
- 4 regulation, order, program or policy the use in the state of any
- 5 language other than English; (3) provide that state government
- 6 officials and employees be bound by such provisions during the
- 7 performance of government business; (4) provide that no government
- 8 document be valid, effective or enforceable unless it is printed in
- 9 English; (5) provide that the state and all political subdivisions of the
- 10 state take all reasonable steps to preserve, protect and enhance the role
- 11 of the English language as the official language of the state; (6) provide

12 that, notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the state
13 and political subdivisions of the state may act in a language other than
14 English to: (A) Assist students who are not proficient in the English
15 language by providing educational instruction in languages other than
16 English to assure as rapid as possible a transition to English, (B)
17 provide foreign language instruction as part of a required or voluntary
18 education curriculum, (C) allow for Latin on the state seal and on
19 government documents, (D) allow legislators to communicate with
20 constituents in languages other than English, (E) comply with federal
21 law, (F) protect public health and safety, (G) protect the rights of
22 criminal defendants or victims of crime, and (H) allow for the printing
23 of proper names.

Statement of Purpose:

To make English the official state language.